

IN HONOR OF DR. LORETTA LONG,
RECIPIENT OF THE UNITED
WAY'S CONGRESSWOMAN MARY
T. NORTON MEMORIAL AWARD

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 23, 1999

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Loretta Long for winning the United Way's Congresswoman Mary T. Norton Memorial Award.

Initiated by the United Way of Hudson County in 1990, this award recognizes individuals who exhibit a deep commitment to community service as exemplified by Congresswoman Mary T. Norton during her 13 terms in the House of Representatives (1925–1950). A leader who championed thinking outside of the box, Congresswoman Norton advocated government action in areas, such as day care, fair employment practices, health care for veterans, and the inclusion of woman in high levels of government service.

Dr. Loretta Long, one of this year's award recipients, has been with the groundbreaking children's show Sesame Street since its first season. As television has been evolving to portray a more real and true vision of American life, particularly in roles for women and minorities, Dr. Long has enjoyed watching her role as Susan grow from housewife to nurse to working mother.

In addition to her work on Sesame Street, the former schoolteacher is a sought-after educator and consultant who holds a doctorate degree in education from the University of Massachusetts. She has joined several institutions as a distinguished visiting scholar and has taught at Sage College, Rowen University, the University of Scranton, the University of Massachusetts, and Western Michigan University.

Dr. Long extended her years of knowledge and experience in the field of education on topics such as the media and cultural diversity in the following school districts: Albany City Schools; Troy City Schools; Schenectady City Schools; Atlantic City School District; Pittman Consolidated School; Cape May County Schools; Pocono Valley School District; Scranton City Schools; North Pocono Valley Schools; Valley View School District; Scranton Prep; and the Laboratory School at the University of Scranton.

A much deserving award recipient who embodies the life work of Congresswoman Mary T. Norton, Dr. Long has dedicated her life to the education of America's children. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Dr. Long for all of her outstanding service to the community and for carrying on the work of Congresswoman Mary T. Norton.

VOICES AGAINST VIOLENCE CONFERENCE

HON. TOM UDALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 23, 1999

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak of an issue of critical importance: the young people of our nation. In a

recent essay competition I held in the 3rd district of New Mexico, students shared the following comments:

"It is extremely sad wondering if we are safe when we go to school everyday. Teenage violence is soon going to be a bigger concern than college preparation for teens if something is not done about the issue soon."—Liz Gonzales, senior, Santa Fe High School.

"Most kids need the adults in power to continue to tell us that we can do it and we can be more, because through knowledge there is power to make your dreams come true."—Erin D. Muffoletto, 9th grade, Mesa Vista High.

Mr. Speaker, I am here today to tell the young people of my district and of the nation that we hear them. They are asking for help and we are listening.

On October 19th and 20th Sierra Anne Blue from Kirtland and Erin Muffoletto from South Ojo Caliente will come to Washington, D.C. to participate in the national Voices Against Violence Conference. These dedicated young people will meet with their peers, federal law enforcement and education officials, and many others to help develop solutions to problems related to youth violence.

In addition, I have selected Matthew Garcia from Springer, Amanda Lynn Chavez from Bernalillo, Dominic Biava from Gallup, Liz Gonzales from Santa Fe, Christopher Morris from Navajo, Randy Maestas from Mora, Twana Seschille from Crownpoint, and Deema Rashad from Gallup, to represent their schools on my Student Education Forum in New Mexico. These students will work throughout the school year to explore solutions to problems that plague our schools.

Youth violence is an issue we are all responsible for solving. The Voices Against Violence Conference and the Student Education Forum are two ways to start this process.

To all of the students of New Mexico and the nation, know that I am listening, know that we are listening, know that your voices are being heard.

PULASKI DAY TRIBUTE TO POLISH-AMERICANS

HON. MARK FOLEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, as the Polish American Club of Lake Worth, Florida is preparing to celebrate Pulaski Day on October 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, I rise today to pay tribute not only to Casimir Pulaski but to all men and women of Polish descent who have helped to make this Nation the greatest in the world.

Casimir Pulaski was an energetic and fiery soldier who, in July 1777, came to America to offer his services in the Revolutionary War. As a cavalry general he fought courageously and won distinction in several campaigns.

Pulaski was to the American Revolution what Patton was to World War II. Though he was mortally wounded in the Battle of Savannah, he left behind a cavalry unit that earned him the title "Father of the American Cavalry."

Casimir Pulaski knew that freedom isn't free and that America is a great nation because it provides an opportunity for every person regardless of ethnicity.

So Mr. Speaker, once again, I wish to pay tribute to all Polish-Americans as we prepare to celebrate Pulaski Day.

TRIBUTE TO THE GREEN BAY POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR RECEIVING THE HERMAN GOLDSTEIN AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN PROBLEM-ORIENTED POLICING

HON. MARK GREEN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 23, 1999

Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to be able to share with my colleagues some wonderful news from my district—the Green Bay Police department was recently awarded the prestigious Herman Goldstein Award for Excellence in Problem-Oriented Policing.

The national award formally recognizes the truly outstanding job the Green Bay P.D. continues to do to serve and protect our community. I would particularly like to recognize Green Bay Mayor Paul Jadin, Police Chief Jim Lewis, as well as Steve Scully and Bill Bongle. Officers Scully and Bongle are the community policing officers who submitted the presentation for this award, and continue to do the innovative police work that earned it.

The community policing program is so successful because it tackles crime in a creative new way—giving police the flexibility to work within communities to find the best solutions to the problems certain at-risk neighborhoods face. Rather than simply reacting to crime and pushing it out, community policing seeks to attack crime at its source—focusing on prevention, and effectively choking off the root problems that cause crime in the first place.

The department's community policing program in Green Bay's North Broadway area achieved much more than just this award. Police calls dropped 25 percent from 1997 to 1998, and they're down a whopping 58 percent since 1993. This impressive reduction means so much more than any award could ever express. This success story means local residents and businesses have experienced a genuine and dramatic improvement in their quality of life and and work. The officers involved, the Green Bay P.D. and the entire community can be proud of this extraordinary accomplishment.

A TRIBUTE TO ROGER DURBIN

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, our World War II veterans remind us of a time when our country stood united in the pursuit of independence and liberty, whether it be for others on foreign soil, or here at home. Twelve years ago, Roger Durbin, my constituent and a World War II combat veteran, asked me why there was no national monument to honor those who served in this war. Legislation I sponsored and Congress passed will rectify that grievous oversight. However, until the memorial is completed, a new postage stamp will serve to recognize those contributing to the war effort. I am inserting in today's RECORD the following speech by Roger Durbin, documenting the bravery of those who served and celebrating the release of the new stamp in their honor.